



## Notes from the Village Office

### Berwyn Golden Age Centre



Will be having a Potluck at Noon on March 14th  
Bring your favorite dish or if you don't have a dish you can pay \$10.00 to enjoy the meal.

A Guest Speaker from Service Canada will be there to talk about the Dental Care Plan at 1:00 p.m.

Potlucks are held the second Thursday of the month except in July and August.

### The Second Hand Store

in Berwyn has rags for sale, the cost is \$5.00/bag.  
While you're in The Store check out our clothing, books, dishes and a whole lot more.

For more information please call 780-338-3918.



### Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

For the current year tax season, The Town of Grimshaw Community Services Department will be working with one regional CVITP volunteer to hold a free tax service to eligible residents of Berwyn, MD of Peace and Grimshaw. The Town of Grimshaw Community Services Department will be a drop-off location.

In order to be eligible for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

This may include include:

- adults 65 years and older
- housing-insecure individuals
- Indigenous Peoples
- modest-income individuals
- newcomers
- persons with disabilities
- students

The guideline to determine what is considered a modest income means the total family income is less than \$52,500.00 dollars, based on the size of the family of five. (Family size includes an individual, or a couple, and their dependants).

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will operate from February 20 to April 30, 2024 with our regional CVITP volunteer who is trained to complete current year income tax and benefit returns for eligible individuals.

For more information, you are asked to please contact Tracy Halerewich, Director of Community Services at 780-332-4005 ext.03 or email [tracyh@grimshaw.ca](mailto:tracyh@grimshaw.ca)

**To Village Residents**

Income tax time is here again. If you are needing a copy of your utility bill for the tax purposes it will cost you \$10.00 for each copy this year. The rate for these is in Bylaw #703 User Fees 2023, it is on our website under bylaws.

**To All Residents**

If you want to stop paying the \$2.00 administration fee on your utility bill each month, give us your email address and we will email your bill to you.

If you would like to sign up for electronic water bills, you can call 780-338-3922 or email [clerk@berwyn.ca](mailto:clerk@berwyn.ca)

**Daylight Saving Time Starts**  
**March 10, 2024**

Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning the weekend of March 11.

February 07th to March 27, 2024

**Free** Sign up now!

**PARENT & TOT GYM TIME**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children. Play also offers an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with their children. Both parents and children will love making new friends and getting active with the space to run around and play in a safe indoor atmosphere.

**Ages: 0 to 6 years**  
**Where: Town of Grimshaw Administration Building (Kennedy Gymnasium)**  
**When: February 07 to March 27, 2024**  
**Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04

Join us for **ART EXPLOSION**

**Free**

Join us as we get creative and learn to express our feelings through art. Participants will be encouraged to think spontaneously, using their own imagination when creating their projects.

**A light snack will be provided** **Thursday MARCH 21, 2024** **Registration is Required!**  
**4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Berwyn Arts & Crafts room - located behind the Berwyn Municipal Library**

Call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04

# From the Village Office

## BERWYN COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 8, 2024

**Public Works and Water Operator Update:** Derrel Johnson, Village of Berwyn Water Operator, provided council with information regarding priority water-related upgrades required and a recommended process to evaluate and replace water valves in the Village. Del Cardinal, Village of Berwyn Public Works Foreman also provided council with a general update and noted numerous equipment breakdowns which is the cause of delays with snow-clearing and road maintenance.

**New Vacant and Unoccupied Properties Policy:** Council approved the implementation of a Vacant or Unoccupied Property Identification Policy. This policy aims to systematically identify and classify residential and non-residential properties, encouraging property owners to maintain and actively use their properties in collaboration between Public Works staff, Bylaw Enforcement, and relevant agencies. This includes utilizing municipal records, visual inspection alternatives, and checking utility usages to identify properties with decreased consumption, which is indicative of potential vacancy.

**Extension to FCSS agreement with the Town of Grimshaw:** Council approved an extension to their agreement with the Town of Grimshaw Family Community Support Services (FCSS). The Village of Berwyn provides 100% of its FCSS Government of Alberta funding allocation to the Town of Grimshaw FCSS Department as they deliver programming for Village residents.

**Arena Survey Results:** Council reviewed the results of a survey council requested be sent to residents regarding the usage and importance of the arena, potential repairs, funding considerations and repurposing options. Council expressed gratitude to the community for their input.

**Tax arrears:** Council discussed the challenge with residents in arrears on property taxes and the overall impact on the Village of Berwyn's financial health. Council discussed the need to explore and discuss potential incentives that could encourage residents to catch up on overdue property tax payments.

**Upcoming budget discussions and planning:** Council changed the date of their budget discussions to February 25, 2024, at the Village of Berwyn Administration Office.

February 22, 2024

**Land Use Bylaw 710 Amendment - Public Hearing set for March 28, 2024:** Council approved the first reading of Land Use Bylaw 710 with updates to the class definition for "Dwelling Unit" and "Tiny Home" under Section 1.5 and provisions for Tiny Homes under Section 6, Special Land Use Provisions. The updates recommended by Komiete Tetteh, Manager of Planning for Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, outline various compliance conditions and requirements regarding the placement of Tiny Homes on residential land in the Village of Berwyn. A Public Hearing is set for March 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

**Northern Alberta Economic Leaders Meeting:** Council authorized Mayor Ken Montie and Councillor Jane Weber to attend the Northern Alberta Economic Leaders Meeting on March 8, 2024, from 10 am - 3 pm in Peace River. Councillor Nicole Johnson is authorized as an alternate to attend. The meeting includes neighbouring municipalities focusing on economic development in the region.

**Support for Muther Truckerz Steakhouse and Bar Video Lottery Terminals:** Council received and approved a request from Muther Truckerz Steakhouse and Bar to write a letter of support in their application for Video Lottery Terminals to be installed at their business located on Main Street in Berwyn.

**Berwyn Multi-Coveralls 4-H Club:** Council reviewed a request from the Berwyn Multi-Coveralls 4-H Club for support in their projects and year-end Achievement Day planned for May 27, 2024, at the Lac Cardinal Museum with a sale to follow. Council will review the request further during budget discussions later this month.



Nominate A Worthy Individual Today!

## Volunteer

### Of The Month - Recognition Program



Did you know the Town of Grimshaw Community Services Department has been recognizing individuals through the Volunteer Of The Month Program for their contributions since 2001? Over the past 23 years many outstanding volunteers from the communities of Grimshaw, Berwyn, M.D. of Peace and County of Northern Lights have been acknowledged.

**Volunteering is done from the bottom of someone's heart. Volunteers help out not because they have to but because they want to.**

Our communities would not be what we are today without the many people that dedicate their time to make our communities better.

To nominate an individual through our Volunteer Of The Month Recognition Program, please email [fcss@grimshaw.ca](mailto:fcss@grimshaw.ca) or call: (780) 332-4005 ext.04



Grimshaw Community Services is here to assist seniors with form completion related to Federal Seniors Benefits, Alberta Seniors Benefits, or other seniors services.

Our staff are able to assist with sending documents by fax, mail or electronic upload where available to the Government of Alberta Seniors Ministry or by fax or mail to the Canadian Federal Government.

- Canadian Pension Plan (CCP)
- Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Alberta Seniors' Benefit (ASB)
- Identify and access other available community resources

Call:  
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